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1. Fortification of the Bulgarian side of the Bulgaria-Turkey frontier has been extended between the villages of Bulgarin (N 41-58, E 25-57) and Rogozinovo (N 41-55, E 25-58), Kharmanlii Okoliya. This fortified line is located approximately 50 kilometers from the frontier. The fortifications were started on 10 June 1952, when a party of seven Bulgarian and Soviet officers, together with a small detachment of Trudovaks, were observed staking out this area.
2. Several fortified lines are located between this line and the Turkish frontier and they include infantry trenches, antitank defenses, and blockhouses. A series of bunkers extends between the Bulgarian and Turkish frontier. The following trench lines are also known to exist:
 - a. Three kilometers south of Kolarovo (N 42-19, E 25-42), Kharmanlii Okoliya;
 - b. Near the village of Oryakhovo (N 41-55, E 26-10), Svilengrad Okoliya; and
 - c. On the crest of the hills dominating the village of Pustrogor (N 41-51, E 26-13), Svilengrad Okoliya.
3. A series of antitank obstacles were observed in the vicinity of the village of Malakalevka (sic).
4. Cultivated lands (some of them very fertile) located in these frontier areas have been seized for these fortifications. Peasants whose lands have thus been taken away are nevertheless required to maintain them in good condition.

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